

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

[Claim 1] (currently amended) A waste receptacle having a base and at least ~~one~~ two lateral sides integral with the base and extending therefrom comprising at least two foot pedals for selective extension from and retraction into the base and the respective sides, the base and the sides each forming an associated individual ~~having at least two~~ recessed housing formed therein each to accommodate a respective one of said foot pedals within said associated individual recessed housing, and detents for releasably retaining said foot pedals in said selective extension from and retraction into ~~the base~~ said associated recesses.

[Claim 2] (withdrawn) A waste receptacle according to Claim 1 further comprising a plurality of shafts, each of said shafts being journaled in the waste receptacle to enable a respective one of said foot pedals to pivot selectively from said individual recessed housings to a position generally parallel with the base and to pivot into said individual recessed housing to a position generally flush with the waste receptacle side.

[Claim 3] (withdrawn) A waste receptacle according to Claim 1 further comprising a plurality of shafts, each of said shafts being journaled in the waste receptacle to enable a respective one of said foot pedals to pivot selectively from said individually recessed housings to a position generally parallel with the base and to pivot into said individual recessed housing to a position generally flush with the base.

[Claim 4] (currently amended) A waste receptacle according to Claim 1 wherein said detents further comprise a bearing surface on each of said foot pedals, each of said bearing surfaces having ~~an~~ at least one indentation formed therein, ~~a stop~~ corresponding stops protruding from said respective recessed housings to engage selectively said bearing surface indentations and to releasably retain said foot pedals in said selective extension from the waste receptacle.

[Claim 5] (currently amended) A waste receptacle according to Claim 4 further comprising a round formed in said respective foot pedal indentations, said rounds each facilitating said selective retractions of said foot ~~pads~~ pedals into said recessed housings.

[Claim 6] (previously presented) A waste receptacle according to Claim 4 wherein said protruding stops further comprise means for bridging across said recessed housings.